

Morrow County School District announces District Math Contest results



Pictured are the fourth grade winners. First place was Kevin Murray of HES and Brianne Bishop (home school). Second place was Kayden Kendrick of ACH and Bruno Salas of ACH. Third place was Lacey Mashos of WRE and Carolyn Ginther of ACH. Fourth place was Kylar Sorensen of ACH, Justin Iveson of ACH, Jake Lindsay of HES, Caleb Thomas of WRE, and Caden Hedman of HES. Fifth place was Parker Miller of ACH. Sixth place was Keegan Krogh of ACH, Gabrielle Miller of WRE, and Abram Hernandez of WRE. Seventh place was Kolby Currin of HES. Eighth place was Xenia Velasco of WRE, and Tim Jaca of HES. Ninth place was Logan Grieb of HES. Tenth place was Katie Gilbert of WRE. -Contributed Photo



Pictured are the fifth grade winners. First place was Rory Barresse of WRE. Second place was Kai Arbogast of HES and Jessica Kempken of HES. Third place was Kristen Frederickson of WRE, and Caitlynn Bailey of HES. Fourth place was Ryan Cecil of HES, Jose Agripino of WRE and Edith Velasco of WRE. Fifth place was Juanita Aylett of IES. Sixth place was Julisa Garza of IES and Dixie Gonzalez of WRE. Seventh place was Kaden Clark of HES. Eighth place was Patrick Collins of HES and Kaelyn Lindsay of HES. Ninth place was Trevor Fox of IES. Tenth place was Shannon Evans of IES. -Contributed Photo



Pictured are sixth grade winners. First place was Cade Arbogast of HES. Second place Skyler Hawks of HES, John Prophet of HES, and Isabel Orozco of IES. Third place was Ross Cutsforth of HES. Fourth place was Alisha Sorensen of IES. Fifth place was TJ Patton of HES, Morgan Smith of HES, and Adrianna Mathisen of IES. Sixth place was Koyle Kendrick of IES and Joe Schmidt of HES. Seventh place was Julissa Sanchez of WRE and Antonio Muniz of WRE. Eighth place was Maddie Lindsay of HES. Ninth place was Gabriela Mendoza of WRE and Clay Miller of WRE. Tenth place was Teneisha Peterson of WRE and Samuel Loshbaugh-Gilbert of WRE. -Contributed Photo



Pictured are seventh grade winners. First place was Michaela Murphy of HHS. Second place was Jordan Connell of IHHS. Third place was Jared Lemmon of HHS. Fourth place was Andrew Hatfield of HHS. Fifth place was Zachary Burnett of IHHS, Preston Tarpley of IHS and Jeff Dowdy of HHS. Sixth place was Avika Sharma of RHS. Seventh place was Ryan Dougherty of HHS and Sarah Bose of RHS. Eighth place was Kaitlynn Linnell of IHS. Ninth place was Hannay Meyers of IHS. Tenth place was Margarita Calvillo of RHS. -Contributed Photo



Pictured are eighth grade winners. First place was Bryce Fowler of HHS. Second place was Earl Prophet of HHS. Third place was Garret Robinson of HHS. Fourth place was Stephen Thompson of HHS, Maggie Collins of HHS, and Austin Gutierrez of HHS. Fifth place was Paola Cuevas of RHS. Sixth place was Thomas Hendrickson of IHS. Seventh place was Pablo Virelas-Garcia of RHS, Samantha Baumgartner of IHS, Jessika Osborn of IHS, and Leticia Alvarez of RHS. Eighth place was Samantha Thompkins of IHS. Ninth place was Cheyanne Hackett of IHS and Austin Morlan of HHS. Tenth place was Sean Ferguson of RHS. -Contributed Photo

National Honor Society induction ceremony held at HHS



On Wednesday, April 23rd, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held at Heppner High School. Each inductee received a pin and certificate, and they recited the pledge. The new members include: Frank Meyer, Chris Lien, Jared Huddleston, Curtis Harper, Keenan Jack, Ian Murray, Donald Matthews, Devin Robinson, Justin Gutierrez, Brett Harrison, Julia Meyer, and Lindsay Cutsforth. -Contributed Photo

Heppner Garden Club to hold plant exchange

The Heppner Garden Club will hold a plant exchange at the Senior Center on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. until noon. Students from the FFA club will be selling some of their plants.

This exchange is open to the public. You do not have to bring a plant before getting plants.

Heppner Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet at the Senior Center on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

On the program will be the installation of new officers. Dues are also due at this time. Hostesses will be Frances Dion Betty Bailey.

The Heppner Garden Club welcomes visitors. You do not need to be a member to be a part of this very worthwhile club.

Morrow County School District's highest achieving math students put their math skills to the test at Riverside Jr-Sr High School, competing in the annual Mathematics Contest on Thursday, April 16.

Students in grades four through eight were selected for the competition based on their best

achievement score on the 2008-09 Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) math test. Grade level students competed by completing a rigorous 50 question mathematics test. The competition was fierce with few questions separating first and tenth place. While students worked on

the test, family and friends waited anxiously for the results.

An awards ceremony was held at the close of the evening recognizing the results of the competition. All participating students gave it their best effort and are commended for accepting the challenge.

Umatilla National Forest announces spring prescribed burning plan

Umatilla National Forest managers hope to complete their spring prescribed burning plan, if only the weather would cooperate. "The snowpack from this winter is holding on and unsettled spring weather is significantly limiting opportunities for prescribed burning," said Dale Boyd, acting deputy fire staff. Much of the Umatilla National Forest is still under snow and unavailable for both access and burning.

Opportunities to prescribed burn are highly dependant upon weather conditions and the potential for undesirable smoke conditions. "Conditions have to be within specific parameters in order to use prescribed fire," said Boyd. Wind speed and direction, temperatures, relative humidity, and fuel moistures are all taken into consideration. "There are only a few days during the spring and fall that meet all the criteria for prescribed burning in a particular area," said Boyd. When conditions allow, ignition will be done by hand crews with drip torches.

Prescribed burns are used to achieve several goals. While some burns are prescribed for the purpose

of reintroducing fire to fire-dependent ecosystems, most burns are prescribed to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by reducing dead fuel accumulation, rearranging fuel accumulations and modifying the live vegetation in the area. This year's spring burn program consists of both activity fuels and natural fuels landscape burns. Activity fuels such as "slash piles" contain the non-merchantable material remaining after harvest operations. These burns also reduce potential fire hazards and prepare the area for reforestation. Removing slash will stimulate plant growth for wildlife forage and reduce fuel accumulations. Landscape burning reduces the buildup of naturally occurring dead fuels in a specific area.

All prescribed burning will comply with federal, state, and local air quality and smoke dispersal guidelines to reduce the impacts of smoke on local communities.

"Fire is a natural disturbance process in the Blue Mountains. Allowing fire to play a more active role can help to restore and stabilize forest conditions," said Boyd.

The Umatilla National Forest will soon begin work on the following spring program of prescribed burning as favorable weather conditions become available:

-Heppner Ranger District Prescribed Burn Plan includes: 2,300 acres in the Rimrock Project Area, approximately nine miles NW of Monument in the Sunflower Flat area.

-500 acres in the Wildhorse Timber Sale area, approximately nine miles NE of Spray, near Bull Prairie Campground.

-North Fork John Day Ranger District Prescribed Burn Plan includes: 300 acres in the Western Route Project Area, approximately 10 miles west of Ukiah.

For more information concerning the Umatilla National Forest Prescribed Burning program, contact Brian Goff in Pendleton (541) 278-3748. For information about specific Ranger Districts, the following persons may be contacted: Scott Wryn, Heppner RD at (541) 676-9187, or Scott McDonald, North Fork John Day RD, at (541) 427-3231.

The Cattle Barons Weekend to be held May 7-9

"In the Company of Cowgirls" Invitational Western Art Show will be held upstairs in the Cattle Barons Ballroom in Hamley's Steakhouse. Doors open for this Oregon 150 event at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 7. A free artists reception and program is planned from 6-9 p.m. the same evening, hosted by the Umatilla Cattle Women, American Rancher Radio program and Hamley's Steakhouse.

Other events will be held throughout town on Friday and Saturday. Visit www.cattlebarons.net for more information.